

No. <u>12-153</u>

## **RESOLUTION**

ESTABLISHING A FRIENDSHIP RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INCHEON METROPOLITAN CITY COUNCIL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Resolution 91-240, as amended by Resolution 03-52, establishes guidelines for the City and County of Honolulu ("Honolulu") that govern the establishment of its sister city relationships; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines provide that a sister city relationship may be established with another city that shares a direct historical, cultural, or ethnic relationship; offers educational and technological assistance to Honolulu's business, industries, and labor force; offers the exchange of ideas and solutions based on similarities in population size or character; or has common bonds that are mutually beneficial to the citizens of both cities; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the sister city program more than forty years ago, Honolulu has established sister city ties with twenty-eight international cities, of which two are cities in the Republic of Korean: Incheon, and Seoul; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu enjoys a productive and prominent Korean population, with a history of the first Korean immigrants having departed from Jemulpo (Incheon) on December 22, 1902, and arriving in Honolulu by ship three weeks later in 1903; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Council of the City of Incheon expressed an interest in establishing a sister city relationship with the City and County of Honolulu, and in furtherance thereof and in commemoration of the centennial of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to Hawaii, Honolulu established a sister city relationship with Incheon, by adoption of Resolution 03-201; and

WHEREAS, the Incheon Metropolitan City Council has expressed an interest in establishing a friendship relationship with the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu to foster the legislative association between the sister cities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu welcomes the opportunity to establish a council friendship relationship with its sister city; now therefore



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports the establishment of a friendship council relationship with the Incheon Metropolitan City Council, Republic of Korea; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Incheon Metropolitan City Council, Republic of Korea to formalize the council friendship relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council friendship relationship agreement shall be consistent with the policies of Resolution 91-240, as amended by Resolution 03-52; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City, and the President and Vice President of Incheon Metropolitan City Council.

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